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DATE: December 15, 2015

TO: Iowa Medicaid Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Dentists, Certified Nurse Midwives, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), Rural Health Clinics (RHC), Hospitals, Podiatrists, Optometrists and PACE Providers

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released a final rule change in October 2015 that impacts the guidelines by which providers attest to receive EHR Incentives for 2015 and beyond. Additional information on the rule changes can be found on the [CMS webpage](#)¹.

The IME is making system modifications to comply with the new federal guidelines prior to accepting the remainder of the 2015 attestations. The IME attestation system will begin accepting 2015 attestations on January 11, 2016, through March 11, 2016, at 11:59 pm.

The IME will be hosting a webinar to update eligible providers and hospitals on the Iowa Medicaid attestation system changes and to provide guidance for 2015 Meaningful Use Modifications. Registration information for the webinar is available on the DHS [Health Information Technology \(HIT\)](#)² web page.

Webinar dates and times:

Tuesday, December 22, 2015, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM -- [Register Here](#)

Tuesday, December 29, 2015, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM -- [Register Here](#)

Reminder: The last year to initiate participation in the Medicaid EHR incentive program is 2016.

If you have any questions regarding the Medicaid EHR Incentive program, please call 515-974-3205 or email imeincentives@dhs.state.ia.us.

¹ <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/EHRIncentivePrograms/index.html>

² <http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/providers/tools-trainings-and-services/medicaid-initiatives/EHRincentives>